

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace sheets 2/5 and 3/5 with the two (2) sheets of replacement drawings (Figures 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2A, and 2B). If the replacement drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

Attachments: 2 Replacement Sheets
 2 Annotated Sheets showing changes

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 2, 2007. The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- Group I: claims 1-44 and 72-73, drawn to a differential adjuster;
- Group II: claims 45-71, drawn to a mounting device; and
- Group III: claims 74-76, drawn to a method for moving a component.

Without agreeing with the Examiner's assertion, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-44 and 72-73. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or re-integrate the remaining claims into the present application at a later date should a generic claim be found to be allowable.

The Examiner also required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group A, the species of Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, and 5; Group B, the species of Figs. 1C-1E, 2A, 3, 4A, 4B, and 5; Group C, the species of Fig. 1F; and Group D, the species of Fig. 6.

Without agreeing with the Examiner's assertion, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group A, the species of Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, and 5, and claims 1-44 and 72-73, which are readable thereon. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or re-integrate the remaining claims into the present application at a later date should a generic claim be found to be allowable.

A proper restriction requirement requires the Examiner to show that a *prima facie* case of a serious burden exists. M.P.E.P. § 803. "[I]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." M.P.E.P. § 803.

Applicants respectfully submit that examining the application in total would not present a serious burden to the Examiner. Applicants do not make any statement regarding the obviousness of one group relative to the other, nor should one be inferred. Applicants merely assert that the search of all the claims and figures would not be unduly burdensome. Accordingly, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected the drawings filed on January 18, 2007, stating they are not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

In response to the notice, Applicants enclose two (2) sheets of replacement drawings (Figs. 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2A, and 2B) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). Applicants have renumbered Figs. 1E, 1F, and 1G to comply with the Examiner's request. Applicants enclose two (2) annotated sheets of drawings showing the change to Figs. 1E, 1F, and 1G.

Conclusion

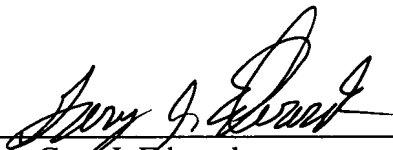
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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 2 Annotated Sheets showing changes (Figs. 1E, 1F, and 1G)

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